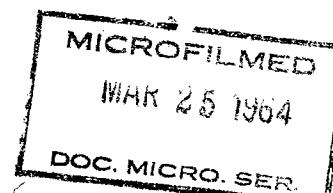


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

SUBJECT:

Leon TOLOPKO

NEW YORK CITY USA

POB: UKRAINE, USSR (C)

1. It was learned through a source of this Agency that at a meeting of the Ukrainian Workers' Club, 85 East 4th Street, New York, on 21 December 1963, Leon TOLOPKO (Editor of the Ukrainian-language newspaper, Ukrainski Visti) reported on his participation in a secret Communist conference which took place in Chicago, Illinois, on 28 November 1963.

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a. According to TOLOPKO, a decision was made at the Chicago meeting to organize special committees or cells of individuals who would seek out, among emigres, particularly among those who send gift parcels to relatives in the Soviet Union, individuals who had in the past committed what the Soviets consider to be crimes against Soviet citizens. The accused would be forced to face deportation to the Soviet Union or other country of origin. TOLOPKO told the group that such a campaign "had been successful" in the case of a Croatian who had lived in San Francisco, the ROMAICENS of Philadelphia and others. No information about these cases is known to the Agency. AD/MIS: Both CARDS: PARTICIPATED IN

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b. TOLOPKO informed the group that such a cell (or committee), with TOLOPKO as the head, was now to be organized in New York, and he asked for volunteers. There were only two volunteers: one Michael SHEVTSIV (or SHEWCIW) and Catherine SMILEY. This Agency has no information on Catherine SMILEY. Our records show that an individual by the name of Michael SHEVTSIV was a member of a Ukrainian Peasant Party in Brazil in 1954. The source of the information is not identified, and no other information is given.

c. According to TOLOPKO, such committees were already active in many cities in the United States and Canada, and in certain other Western countries. At the secret conference in Chicago in December, in addition to Ukrainians, there were Latvian, Jewish, Russian, Byelorussian, Polish, East German, Bulgarian, and Yugoslav representatives. A donation of \$700.00 toward this campaign was made by the Yugoslav representative, according to TOLOPKO.

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